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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005. Accompanying this response is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings or Specification are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.